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September 20, 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentations in  
GN Docket 00-185; CS Docket 02-52;  
CC Dockets 02-33, 95-20, 98-10

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 20, 2002, Paul Schroeder and Karen Peltz Strauss of the American Foundation for the Blind, Charlie Crawford and Patricia Moriera of the American Council of the Blind, Ollie Cantos of the American Association of People with Disabilities, and Jim House of Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. met with Matthew Brill of Commissioner Abernathy's office, Jordan Goldstein of Commissioner Copps' office, and Dan Gonzalez of Commissioner Martin's office for the purpose of discussing access to broadband services by people with disabilities. We discussed problems that people with disabilities have already encountered in trying to secure and use broadband services, the failure of the marketplace to address the needs of people with disabilities, and the importance of ensuring that individuals with disabilities have full access to broadband services. We also discussed legal theories by which the right to access may be achieved, including the use of jurisdiction that is ancillary to Sections 1, 254, and 255 of the Communications Act.

Sincerely,

/s/

Karen Peltz Strauss  
Policy Consultant on behalf of the  
American Foundation for the Blind

cc: Matthew Brill  
Jordan Goldstein  
Dan Gonzalez